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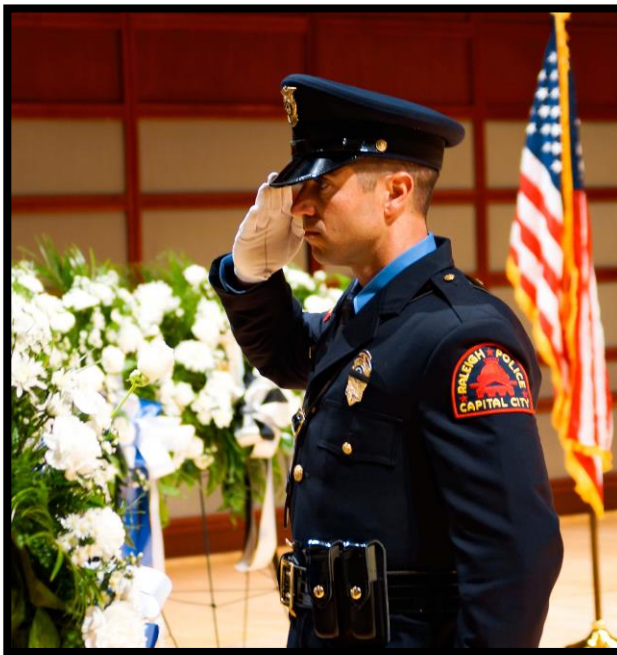
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Wake County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony



The annual Wake County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony was held on May 21 at Meymandi Hall. The ceremony honored the 19 Wake County law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, including eight who served as members of the Raleigh Police Department. Other participating agencies who have lost officers are the Morrisville Police Department, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Wake County Sheriff's Office, and the Wake Forest Police Department. This year's keynote speaker was North Carolina Assistant Supreme Court Justice Cherri Beasley. "Law enforcement officers have a calling to protect people and property," said Beasley. "You are to be commended for the decisions you make, the challenges you accept, and the risk you take."



RPD's Fallen Officers



Detective Tom G. Crabtree
End of Watch: Sept. 1, 1922



Officer Robert E. Sparks
End of Watch: Mar. 8, 1968



Officer James W. Allen
End of Watch: Dec. 5, 1968



Officer James G. Lee
End of Watch: Dec. 5, 1968



Officer Delma D. Adams
End of Watch: Feb. 3, 1980



Officer Denise Holden
End of Watch: Aug. 4, 1995



Detective Paul A. Hale
End of Watch: July 11, 1997



Officer Charles R. Paul
End of Watch: Sept. 10, 2002

The eight Raleigh police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty should not be remembered for how they died, but for how they lived.



Congratulations and Recognitions

RPD Volunteer Dinner Held

National Volunteer Week is an annual observance to showcase volunteerism and promote appreciation. The observance was established by President Richard Nixon and each president since has issued a proclamation and volunteer service awards. The Department has three volunteer units: RPD Volunteers (38), Greenway Volunteers (44), and RPD Volunteer Chaplains (5).



The 2018 RPD Volunteer and Chaplain Appreciation Dinner was held on April 18 during National Volunteer Week. The dinner recognized our volunteers for their many hours of service to the Department and City of Raleigh. The volunteers gathered at the Five Points Senior Center for an evening of food, fellowship, and recognition. Certificates and awards were presented to 29 volunteers by Deputy Chief R.C. Council and Major B. Limper. The Gold Award for 500 (+) hours was presented to Dave Althaus, John Cuccia, Steve Metzler, Jeff Sauerstrom, Barbara Schmid, and Toby Terrell. The Silver Award for 250-499 hours was presented to Melody Bowdon, Kellie Butler, Doug Donald, Howard Estes, and Wes Jones. The Bronze Award for 100-249 hours was presented to Sam Britton, Darcee Britton, Ralph Carson, Paul Casadont, Kathy Collins, Rick Davis, Chantel Diehl, Herb Estes, Al Fournier, Martha Long, Natalie Malouf, Sharon Morris, Jose Oliver-Perez, John O'Neal, Stanley Serxner, Ann Sides, Bob Willis, and Nance Yaeger.



Many thanks to each of the volunteers whose gifts of time and talent contribute to our City consistently being named one of the best places to live, work, and play. And special thanks to the officers who prepared the meal and those that served the volunteers.

Annual RPD Awards Ceremony

On May 22, the Raleigh Police Department's 11th annual Awards Ceremony was held at the PNC Arena. The ceremony honors those who have courageously and selflessly given of themselves for the betterment of the City of Raleigh and its citizens to protect both life and property. The awards are presented in the form of a certificate and/or a medal. This year, members of the Department were honored with the Lifesaving Award, the Meritorious Unit Citation, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Chief's Citation.

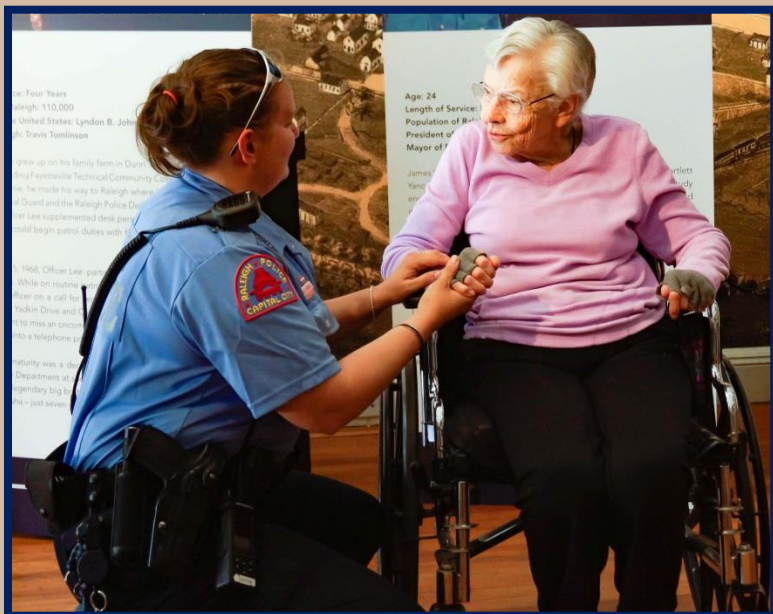


The Award for Merit was presented to Capt. B.A. Amstutz, Vehicle Fleet Manager Paul Koch, and Fleet Maintenance Specialist Michael Massenburg.

The Life Saving Award was presented to: SO David Deach, MO David Garner, FCO Bryan Watts, MO Caleb Chandler, SO Samuel Gates, SO Scott Gomez, SO Robert Talley, SO Sycedrick Brown Jr, SO Matthew Davis, FCO Amelia Althisar, FCO John Harris, FCO Matthew Wesco, O Britt Kuchen, and SO Kendal Strachan.

The Meritorious Unit Citation was presented to: Capt. S. Oosterhoudt, SO D.W. Deach, SO A.M Howard, SO R.A. Sirianna, SO K.A. Thompson, SO. D.C. Twiddy, and MO A.M. Howard. The second Meritorious Unit Citation recipients were Sgt. N. Grimaldi, Sgt. A. Pennica, SO K. Crocker, SO P. Dorsey, Det. T. Jackson, SO B. Lindsey, Sr. Det. S. Snowden, Sr. Det. J. Stroud, SO C. Turnage, SO Z. Turner, SO J. Walls, and Det. J. Zellmer. The final recipients of the Meritorious Unit Citation were Sgt. A. Pennica, Sgt. K. Heckman, Sr. Det. B. Bizub, Sr. Det. S. Jones, Sr. Det. G. Mendez, and Det. M. Mitchell.

Retired Officer Visits Museum



Retired Raleigh Police Officer Clara Elder took time to visit the recent Raleigh Police Department's exhibit at the City of Raleigh Museum. Officer Elder was one of the early female officers to serve with the Raleigh Police Department. Senior Officer M.S. Horner of the Downtown District was able to spend some time with retired Officer Elder. The two enjoyed sharing stories.

RPD Family Fun Day



The Department held its annual Family Day on May 5 and Anderson Point Park. The afternoon was full of renewing old friendships, sharing, and making memories. Family Day provides a time for members of the Department to relax with family, friends, and co-workers in a casual setting. There was music, dancing, and cornhole. The children jumped in the bounce house, had their faces painted, and waited in line for a balloon animal. Members of the special units were on hand to show off their equipment, animals, and skills. Many thanks to those who helped to make Family Day an event to remember. We look forward to next year's event.



The young people are mesmerized by the robot used to locate bombs.

RPD in the Community

RBI Baseball Begins



On May 22, the Raleigh Police Department RBI Baseball League, in conjunction with the Raleigh Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department, began its summer season at Biltmore Hills. Opening day was filled with excitement and anticipation of the games to follow. Members of the 11 teams, family, friends, and volunteers were all hyped to begin another season. Youth and Family Services Lieutenant E.A. DeSimone served as Master of Ceremonies. Our Explorer Post 911's Color Guard took the field for the singing of the National Anthem.

Chief Deck-Brown was on hand to greet the crowd and encourage the players. Southeast District Captain M.K. Galloway threw the first pitch. Everyone was ready to play ball!



Please view the event video here
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Special Olympics Torch Run

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Relay is hosted in communities across the state to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. Law enforcement officers carried the torches in their own communities before the torches converged in Raleigh. The final leg of the run began at the RPD Memorial and culminated at Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of North Carolina State University for the 2018 Special Olympics NC Opening Ceremony. The games were held throughout the County June 1-3. The North Carolina games are one of the largest Special Olympics events in the country.



View event by clicking this link
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Letters of Appreciation

Chief Deck-Brown:

Thank you for supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina. It is because of you that athletes like me are able to train in sports such as tennis, bocce, bowling, and other sports. You make it all possible for the athletes. It really means a lot to all of the athletes. Thank you so much.

Natalie Robins
SONC Athlete Council

Chief Deck-Brown:

I would like to say again, how much I enjoyed and learned from the Raleigh Police Department Citizens Academy. It is an experience that I will always remember.

You are a great inspiration to me! The people you have working for and with you are truly amazing. Keep up the good work!

Marianne Allen

In Memoriam

Retired Sergeant A.E. Morris

Retired Sergeant Alfred E. Morris passed away at his home on Saturday, June 9. Sergeant Morris retired from the Raleigh Police Department in 1983 after 34 years of service.

A graveside service was held on June 13, at Pinecrest Memorial Park in Clayton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Millbrook United Methodist Church, 1712 E. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Please keep the Morris family in your prayers.

- Photo courtesy of Sergeant S.P. Womack.



Editor's Note:

Retired Detective D. Osborne served with the United States Marine Corps prior to joining the Department not the United States Army as printed in the May 21 edition.